

TCU CRHSForm (Criminal HiStory)

Scales and Item Scoring Guide

The CRHSForm collects information about *lifetime and recent criminal behaviors*, completed preferably at the time of treatment or correctional system intake. It includes an overall Criminal Recidivism Risk (CRR) score and subscales that focus more specifically on (1) Lifetime Criminal Involvement (LCI), (2) Recent (last 6 months) Criminal Involvement (RCI), and (3) Revocation History (RVH). Collectively, these scale scores serve as risk indicators for recidivism by individuals in correctional settings, particularly at the time of release from prison (Hoffman, 1983, 1994; Hoffman & Beck, 1980). For crime and drug related assessments to be conducted at the time of incarceration and consideration for substance abuse treatment, the *TCU Drug Screen* (TCUDS II) and *TCU Criminal Thinking Scales* (CTSForm) also are recommended for consideration, along with other specialized TCU Short Forms relevant to needs and applications being addressed.

Items for Lifetime Criminal Involvement (LCI) Scale – (responses 1=none to 5=over XX)

1. In total, how many TIMES have you been ARRESTED in your LIFETIME?
2. In total, how many TIMES have you been CONVICTED (found guilty) of a crime, as an adult or juvenile?
4. Altogether, how many TIMES have you ever been locked up (in detention, jail, or prison)?
5. In total, how many DAYS have you ever spent in jail or prison?
7. How many TIMES were you arrested BEFORE AGE 18?

Scoring Instructions for Lifetime Criminal Involvement (LCI):

1. Define item responses for Q1,2,4,5, and 7 as “1” to “5”, reflecting 5-option answers marked.
2. Recode these responses into new values as follows – 1=”1”, 2 or 3=”3”, and 4 or 5=”5”.
3. Sum the new response values (i.e., 1, 3, 5) for all non-missing items in the LCI scale,
4. Divide the sum of responses by the number of items included (yielding an average 1.0-5.0),
5. Multiply this average by 10 (in order to rescale the score so it ranges from 10 to 50) (e.g., an average response of “2.6” for the scale therefore becomes a score of “26”).
6. **LCI scores range is 10-50** with higher scores showing increasing levels of criminal activity.

Items for Recent Criminal Involvement (RCI)

13. During the LAST 6 MONTHS before ENTERING this program or facility, how many TIMES were you ARRESTED? (responses 1=none to 5=over 10)
14. How many different TIMES were you locked up? (responses 1=none to 5=over 10)
15. How many DAYS did you spend locked up? (responses 1=none to 5=over 60)

Scoring Instructions for Recent Criminal Involvement (RCI):

1. Define item responses for Q13, 14, and 15 as “1” to “5”, reflecting 5-option answers marked.
2. Recode these responses into new values as follows – 1=”1”, 2=”3”, and 3-5=”5”.
3. Sum the new response values (i.e., 1, 3, 5) for all non-missing items,
4. Divide the sum of responses by the number of items included (yielding an average 1.0-5.0),
5. Multiply this average by 10 (in order to rescale the score so it ranges from 10 to 50) (e.g., an average response of “2.6” for the scale therefore becomes a score of “26”).
6. **RCI scores range is 10-50** with higher scores showing increasing levels of criminal activity.

Items for Revocation History (RVH) Scale – (*responses 1=none, 2=1, 3=2, 4=3 or more*)

8. In total, how many TIMES have you had parole or probation REVOKED for any reason?
9. How many of those revocations were for TECHNICAL VIOLATIONS?

Scoring Instructions for Revocation History (RVH):

1. Define item responses for Q8 and 9 as “1” to “4”, reflecting 4-option answers marked.
2. Recode these responses into new values as follows – 1=”1”, 2=”3”, and 3-4=”5”.
3. Sum the new response values (i.e., 1, 3, 5) for all non-missing items,
4. Divide the sum of responses by the number of items included (yielding an average 1.0-5.0),
5. Multiply this average by 10 (in order to rescale the score so it ranges from 10 to 50) (e.g., an average response of “2.6” for the scale therefore becomes a score of “26”).
6. **RCI scores range is 10-50** with higher scores showing increasing levels of revocation activity.

Scoring Instructions for overall Criminal Recidivism Risk (CRR):

1. Average the subscale scores for LCI, RCI, and RVH (i.e., sum scores and divide by 3).
2. **CRR scores range is 10-50** with higher scores showing increasing levels of recidivism risk.

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